Texas Education Agency

APPLICATION

Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP)

2011-2012 School Year

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will make available to eligible school districts and open-enrollment charter schools an application form that must be completed and submitted to the TEA for approval.

Definition of Program Provisions

Eligible Students

A student is eligible to participate in an optional flexible school day program (OFSDP) authorized under the Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.0822, if:

1. the student meets one of the following conditions:
   - the student is at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by the TEC, §29.081; or
   - the student is attending a school implementing an approved innovative campus plan; or
   - the student is attending a school with an approved early college high school program designation; or
   - the student, as a result of attendance requirements under the TEC, §25.092, will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled;

   and

2. the student, if less than 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or court order, and the student's parent, or person standing in parental relation to the student, agree in writing to the student's participation.

Assessment

The student must take the appropriate Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests specified under the TEC, §39.023, during the regularly scheduled assessment calendar.

Participation in University Interscholastic League (UIL)

A student enrolled in an OFSDP under the TEC, §29.0822, may participate in a competition or other activity sanctioned or conducted under the authority of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) only if he or she meets all UIL eligibility criteria.

Attendance Credit

A student attending an OFSDP under the TEC, §29.0822, may be counted in attendance for purposes of funding under the TEC, Chapters 41, 42, and 46, only for the actual number of contact hours the student receives, not to exceed 1,080 hours per 12-month period.

Public Hearings

The board of trustees of a school district or governing board of an open-enrollment charter school must hold a public hearing concerning the proposed application for an OFSDP before applying to operate an OFSDP under the TEC, §29.0822. In addition, the board of trustees of a school district or governing board of an open-enrollment charter school must hold a public hearing annually to review the performance of the OFSDP (see Appendix Two).

Continuation or Revocation of Program Authorization

Applications are approved for a period of one (1) school year. Continuation of the approval for the OFSDP will be contingent on the demonstrated success of the program. Determination of success will include a review and analysis of data provided in the mandatory final progress report(s). The commissioner of education may revoke authorization for participation in the OFSDP after consideration of relevant factors, including performance of students participating in the program on assessment instruments required under the TEC, Chapter 39; the percentage of students participating in the program who graduate from high school; and other criteria agreed to in the application and adopted by the commissioner of education. A decision to revoke approval of the program by the commissioner of education is final and may not be appealed.

Reporting Requirements

Following approval of the application, the applicant will be required to submit progress reports based on criteria selected by the applicant and agreed to by the commissioner. Reports will require applicants to disclose the overall progress of the students in the program, the number of students enrolled in the program (disaggregated by ethnicity, age, gender, and socioeconomic status), the number of students graduating from high school (disaggregated by ethnicity, age, gender, and socioeconomic status), and additional criteria selected by the applicant and agreed to by the commissioner. The TEA will provide notice to applicants and additional instructions for completion of reports at least 45 days before the date a report is due, or as soon as possible, in order to give school districts and charter schools adequate time to prepare and submit the reports to the TEA. The TEA may request additional reports as necessary to monitor and assess progress of students participating in the program.

Provisions of Agreement

Article I – Parties to Agreement

This agreement is entered into by and between the Texas Education Agency, an agency of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "TEA," and

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(Legal Name of School District or Open-Enrollment Charter School)

located at

_____

(Physical Address)

hereinafter referred to as "district."

Article II – Period of Agreement

The period of the agreement, for a maximum of one school year unless terminated or as otherwise provided for in this agreement and in statute or rule, is the period beginning _____ (Month, Day, Year) and ending _____ (Month, Day, Year).

Please note that the agreement term is subject to annual renewal.

Article III – Purpose of Agreement

The district must perform all of the functions and duties set out in the agreement, the authorizing program statute, and applicable regulations.

Article IV – Reporting Requirements

The district will be required to submit progress reports based on criteria selected by the applicant and agreed to by the commissioner. The TEA may request additional reports as necessary to monitor and assess progress of students participating in the program.

Article V – General and Special Provisions to the Agreement

Attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference is each of the provisions indicated below with an "X" beside it:

[☐] Appendix One, Assurances
[☐] Appendix Two, Public Hearings
[☐] Appendix Three, Narrative Description of Proposed Program
[☐] Appendix Four, Contact Sheet
[☐] Attachment, Copy of articulation agreement between district and university/college if one or more participating campuses have an Early College High School Program designation

Article VI – Application Process

For questions or assistance regarding this application, please contact Kim Wall by telephone at (512) 463-4809 or by email at kim.wall@tea.state.tx.us. Submit the completed application to:

Texas Education Agency
Attn: School Finance – OFSDP
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494

Article VII – Agreement

AGREED and accepted on behalf of the school district or open-enrollment charter school to be effective on the earliest date written above by a person authorized to bind the district.

Typed Name _____ _____
Authorized Signature

Typed Title _____

Participating Campuses

Attach additional list, if required.

District Number	District Name		
		Eligibility Designation	
Campus Number	Campus Name	A = At-Risk Students E = Early College HS I = Innovative Campus Redesign C= Credit Recovery	Estimated Number of Participating Students

This section reserved for TEA use only	
I, an authorized official of the Texas Education Agency, hereby certify that this application is in compliance with the authorizing program statute and applicable regulations and authorize the services to be performed as written above. AGREED and accepted on behalf of the agency this _____ day of _____, _____, by a person authorized to bind the TEA.	
Mail original to: _____	Authorizing TEA Official

Appendix One
Assurances

The definition of terms of the application applies to this Appendix One, Assurances. The school district or open-enrollment charter school hereinafter called "district" does hereby certify and agree to the following conditions of the agreement. PAGE LIMIT: SUBMIT NO ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR APPENDIX ONE. ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.

The district agrees to enroll only eligible students to participate in an OFSDP authorized under this application. A student is eligible to participate in an OFSDP authorized under the TEC, §29.0822, if:

1. the student meets one of the following conditions:
   - the student is at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by the TEC, §29.081; or
   - the student is attending a school implementing an approved innovative campus plan; or
   - the student is attending a school with an approved early college high school program designation; or
   - the student, as a result of attendance requirements under the TEC, §25.092, will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled;

and

2. the student, if less than 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or court order, and the student's parent, or person standing in parental relation to the student, agree in writing to the student's participation.

The district agrees:

1. to administer mandatory assessment instruments during the regular assessment cycle to students enrolled in OFSDPs;

2. All instructional materials and facilities must be comparable to or exceed the required standards for students in similar programs;

3. that the students participating in an OFSDP will not be isolated from other academic and vocational programs of the school district and that all students will have access to school counselors for pre- and post-entry counseling, academic or personal counseling, and career counseling;

4. to provide knowledgeable, highly qualified instructors and staff for the program;

5. to adopt a policy that does not penalize students participating in an OFSDP in accordance with the 90% rule (TEC, §25.092[a]) or the75% to 90% rule for class credit (TEC, §25.092[a-1]);

6. to adopt a policy to require students to attend regularly scheduled instruction for the OFSDP with penalties for nonattendance including filing truancy charges, if appropriate;

7. to comply with all reporting requirements established by the TEA;

8. not to discriminate based on disability, race, color, national origin, religion, or sex; and

9. to prohibit a student participating in an OFSDP from participating in a competition or other activity sanctioned or conducted under the authority of the UIL unless the student meets all UIL eligibility requirements.

AGREED and accepted on behalf of the school district or open-enrollment charter school by a person authorized to bind the district.

_____

Name, Title, and Telephone Number of School Board President

_____

Signature of School Board President Date

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Name, Title, and Telephone Number of District Superintendent or Charter School Chief Operations Officer

_____

Signature of Person Authorized to Bind the District or Charter School Date

Appendix Two
Public Hearings

The definition of terms of the application applies to this Appendix Two, Public Hearings. The school district or open-enrollment charter school hereinafter called "district" does hereby certify and agree to the following conditions of the agreement. PAGE LIMIT: SUBMIT NO ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR APPENDIX TWO. ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.

1. The board of trustees of the school district or the governing board of the open-enrollment charter school agrees to hold a public hearing concerning the proposed application for an OFSDP.

2. The board of trustees of the school district or the governing board of the open-enrollment charter school agrees to hold a public hearing annually to review the performance of the program proposed under this application.

The pre-application public hearing was conducted on:

Month: _____

Day: _____

Year: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

NOTE: The applicant will be required to include a copy of the posting of this public hearing in the final progress report.

AGREED and accepted on behalf of the school district or open-enrollment charter school by a person authorized to bind the district.

_____

Name, Title, and Telephone Number of District Superintendent or Charter School Chief Operations Officer

_____

Signature of Person Authorized to Bind the District Date

Appendix Three
Narrative Description of Proposed Program

The definition of terms of the application applies to this Appendix Three, Narrative Description of Proposed Program. The school district or open-enrollment charter school hereinafter called "district" does hereby certify and agree to the following conditions of the agreement.

Appendix Three describes the school district or charter school proposed OFSDP.

On 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, provide a concise description of the:

- program goals and objectives;
- proposed schedule offered to students participating in the OFSDP;
- staff positions and resource personnel (teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, etc.) associated with the program. Include the contact hours the position and resource will be obligated to the program;
- qualification standards established for each staff and resource position;
- local procedures for identifying students, including how the school confirms and documents student eligibility;
- procedures for obtaining student and parental consent for participation in the OFSDP;
- process that will be implemented to maintain records of student eligibility, consent, and attendance;
- procedure the district will establish to ensure all students enrolled in the OFSDP are administered the required assessment instruments in the timeline established by the TEA; and
- criteria selected to report the progress of students participating in the OFSDP.

Appendix Four
Contact Sheet

The definition of terms of the application applies to this Appendix Four, Contact Sheet. The school district or open-enrollment charter school hereinafter called "district" does hereby certify and agree to the following conditions of the agreement:

PAGE LIMIT: SUBMIT NO ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR APPENDIX FOUR, CONTACT SHEET. ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.

District Contact for the Application

Contact Name:	
District Superintendent or Charter School Chief Operations Officer:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Alternate Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	

Contact Name:	
Email Address:	

Contact Name:	
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NOTE: The majority of the contact for the approved OFSDP is done via email. Please make sure that a valid email address or valid email addresses are submitted on this form. More than one email address may be submitted. Please provide the full name(s) of the person or persons who are the email contact(s) to ensure that the TEA has accurate information.